

What is Claimed:

1. A transparent data sheet comprising:
 - (a) a transparent durable film,
 - (b) a transparent fragile layer, and
 - (c) at least one security element

5 wherein printed identification and/or verification information is sandwiched between the transparent durable film and the transparent fragile layer, and the two layers are laminated together.

- 10 2. A transparent data sheet comprising:
 - (a) a transparent fragile layer,
 - (b) a second transparent fragile layer, and
 - (c) at least one security element

15 wherein printed identification and/or verification information is sandwiched between the two transparent fragile layers, and the two layers are laminated together, with the proviso that the laminate is durable.

- 20 3. The transparent data sheet according to claims 1 or 2 wherein the transparent fragile layer is a holographic foil.

- 4. The transparent data sheet according to claims 1 or 2 wherein the transparent fragile layer is a retroreflective layer of glass beads in a beadbond layer.

- 25 5. The transparent data sheet according to claims 1 or 2 wherein the transparent fragile layer is a foil.

- 6. The transparent data sheet according to claims 1 or 2 wherein the transparent fragile layer is a optical stack.

- 30 7. The transparent data sheet according to claims 1 or 2 further including a high refractive index coating, coated on the outer surface of the transparent fragile layer.

8. The transparent data sheet according to claim 7 further including a protective coating, coated on the outer surface of the high refractive index coating.

5 9. The transparent data sheet according to claims 1 or 2 wherein the transparent fragile layer is a multilayered polyurethane film.

10. The transparent data sheet according to claim 1 wherein the durable film is a multilayer optical film.

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11. The transparent data sheet according to claim 10 wherein the multilayer optical film is comprised of at least one material that exhibits stress induced birefringence.

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12. The transparent data sheet according to claim 1 wherein the durable film is a polyester, polypropylene, polycarbonate, polyimide, or cellulose acetate.

13. The transparent data sheet according to claims 1 or 2, wherein the transparent fragile layer is comprised of more than one fragile material.

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14. The transparent data sheet according to claim 1 wherein the durable film is comprised of one or more durable layers.

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15. The transparent data sheet according to claim 2 wherein the second transparent fragile layer is a retroreflective layer of glass beads in a beadbond layer.

16. The transparent data sheet according to claim 1 wherein the transparent durable film is a multilayer optical film and the transparent fragile film is retroreflective layer of glass beads in a beadbond layer.

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17. The transparent data sheet according to claim 2 wherein the the transparent fragile film is retroreflective layer of glass beads in a beadbond layer and the second transparent fragile film is a holographic foil.

5 18. The transparent data sheet according to claim 1 wherein the transparent durable film is a multilayer optical film and the transparent fragile film is a holographic foil.

10 19. The transparent data sheet according to claims 1 or 2 further including a layer of hot melt adhesive.

15 20. In combination:
(a) transparent data sheet according to claims 1 or 2, and
(b) a passport, wherein the transparent data sheet is inserted or otherwise attached to the passport.

21. In combination:
(a) transparent data sheet according to claims 1 or 2, and
(b) a document of value, wherein the transparent data sheet is inserted or otherwise attached to the document of value.

22. The combination according to claim 21 wherein the document of value is an identification card.

25 23. A process for manufacturing a transparent data sheet comprising the steps of:
(1) providing a printable surface of a first fragile layer,
(2) providing a second layer, which is a durable layer or is a fragile layer, with the proviso that combination of the first and second layer provide a durable sheet, and
(3) providing instructions for printing and assembling the transparent data sheet, such that upon assembly, the two layers are laminated together.

24. A process of manufacturing a transparent data sheet comprising the steps of:
- (1) printing identification information onto a surface of a first layer and
5 (2) laminating this first layer, printed side to the inside to another film or layer, wherein both layers are optically transparent and one layer is more fragile than the other.